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Curios and Relics

Campaign & Patriotic Materials

Flags

Mourning Flags

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

Small portraits on cover.

\$3

Lincoln Funeral Flag

95. Small cloth printed flag with heavy black borders, wreath and "We Mourn the Great and Good." 11 x 8 inches, good condition.

\$10

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Lincoln Relic Acquired By Bridgeporter

Bridgeport, Feb. 12 —(UP) —A special handmade "mourning" flag, which covered the casket of Abraham Lincoln on his burial day, now is the proud possession of a local machinist.

George Walls owns the interesting, valuable Lincoln relic as a gift from his father, the late Col. George Walls, an Atlantic City businessman.


The flag was bought at an auction at Atlantic City from a union officer who was present at the assassination of the martyred President.

Ninety inches long and six feet wide, the flag is not fashioned of the bright colors of an ordinary standard. The usual bright blue stripes are a subdued grayish blue. The red stripes also are a toned-down hue.

The flag is in a good state of preservation and has but one patch. A mourning band of several inches width is around three sides of the flag.

The flag was on Lincoln's casket as he lay in state in the Capitol and remained on his bier when his body was taken across the country to its burial place in Springfield, Ill.





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